

Holy Trinity Cannes



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The Cannes OPENER

Welcome to Holy Trinity and Happy New Year! May God bless us and lead us through the coming year.

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us. Our service today at 9:00am is Holy Communion followed at 10:30am with **Morning Prayer** printed on the coloured service sheet and you can also follow it on the screen. There's a Sunday Club for the children and they will leave after the Children's talk.

As part of our series of sermons on St. John's Gospel, in our passage today, we have the pictures of these two preachers (John the apostle and John the Baptist) with their bands of disciples, both in the countryside of Judea, near Jerusalem, baptizing. Crowds were coming to both of them. Then the story zooms in to focus on an argument: some Jews argue with John's disciples about purification. The argument got them flustered annoyed, and they go to John the Baptist, their teacher, and they ask him, "What's going on? This Jesus is baptizing; everyone's going to him....." John the Baptist told them that he was not upset that people were going to Jesus rather than himself. Instead, he was filled with joy because it meant he did his job well. In fact, the less people were talking about John the Baptist and the more people were talking about Jesus, the more joy John the Baptist had in his heart. Joy is found when we make the name of Jesus more famous than our own. That is true joy. The path to the greatest joy in our lives is when our lives serve to make the name of Jesus famous.

After the service....

If you have need of personal prayer please come to the chancel section of the church, where they'll be members of the **Prayer Team** available to pray for you, whatever the need.

Continue our time of fellowship together over a cup of coffee or a cold drink in the church centre.

This Week

Tuesday

12:30 **Mougins Home group** Tel.0493755747

Wednesday

7pm **Grasse Home Group** Tel:043408233
7:45 **Cannes Home Group** Tel:0493940456

Friday

12:30 **Shepherd & Dog lunch**



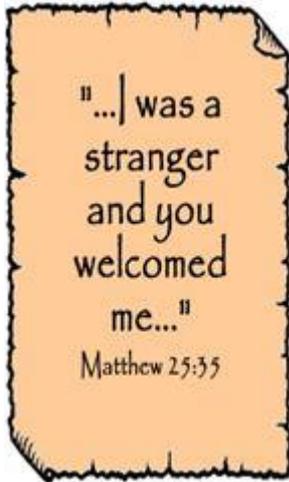
Prayer Team

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NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Communion
 10:30am Holy Communion
 + Sunday Club
 Theme: "The start of the harvest"



In the Church Centre.....



- Join us for a cup of coffee, glass of wine or cold drink.
- **Visit the bookstall:** There are NIV bibles, Christmas cards and gifts, calendars, agendas etc. on sale plus home-made marmalade, jams and chutneys.
- **Take a look** on the noticeboard, there's information on forthcoming events, weekly rotas.
- **If you're new** to Holy Trinity please make yourself known and join us for refreshments after the service so we can get to know you.
- **Drop off any coins** to support the work of J'avais faim, helping the hungry and homeless in Cannes.
- **Put any used stamps**, especially the pretty Christmas ones, in the box provided which go to support the work of ICS.
- **Corks can be recycled** in the bin provided to aid Cancer support.

Kids Korner

Happy New Year to all our young people and their parents! We look forward to another year of leading the children further into their personal relationship with God. The 6-10 years and 11+ teaching groups continue as normal during the 10:30am Sunday services. Info on the next 11+ YD Night coming soon - watch this space!



Daniel aged 4, returned from Sunday school with a new perspective on the Christmas story...He had learned all about the wise men from the east who brought gifts to the baby Jesus .Daniel was so excited he just had to tell his parents, "I learned in Sunday School today all about the very first Christmas. There wasn't a Santa Claus way back then, so these three blokes on camels had to deliver all the toys. And Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they had to have this big light in the sky to find their way around".

What's on...

1. **Join us for lunch today** in the church centre after the 10:30 service. All are welcome to stay; we especially invite any visitors with us today to join us.
2. **Home groups** resume this week. They're a great opportunity for faith building and fellowship. If you don't already belong to a group, why not make it your New Year resolution to go along...you'll be most welcome. Contact details on page 1.
3. On Friday, the **Shepherd & Dog** re-opens, serving lunch at 12:30. All welcome.
4. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18th-22nd January). We'll be joining with our fellow Christians from the French churches over the weekend of 19th – 21st January. The first meeting will be here at Holy Trinity on the Friday at 8pm; please make it a priority to be here and welcome our brothers and sisters from the other churches.



5. On Saturday 27th January, the British Association invites you to an evening of **Galettes des Rois**, cider and live jazz with our very own Charles Laz, in the church at 7pm.

6. The **Christianity Explored** course starts on **13th February** at 8pm. A 7-week course discovering Jesus and his message in St. Mark's Gospel. There are leaflets in the church centre with more information. Everyone is welcome to come along – bring a friend!

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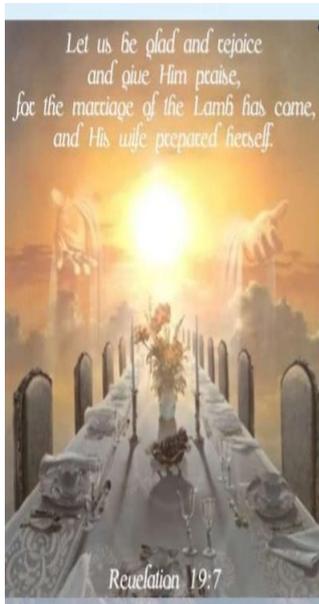
The latest edition of the **Barnabas Aid Magazine** has arrived and you can pick up a copy on the table at the back of the church centre. There are also copies of the **HTC Prayer Diary, ICS News and Prayer diary**, please take them and use in conjunction with your daily prayers.

Verse of the Week:

“For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.”

(John 3:34)

Almighty God,
 you have revealed the incarnation of your Son
 by the bright shining of a star,
 which the wise men saw and
 offered costly gifts in adoration;
 let the star of your justice always shine in our
 hearts, that we may give as our treasure
 all that we are and all that we possess
 to your service,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



John 3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full."

The Work of Christmas....
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 when the Kings and Princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 the work of Christmas begins;
 to find the lost, to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
 to teach the nations, to bring Christ to all,
 to make music in the heart.

Joy; the Greek word is *chara*, and the characteristics of this word is that it most often describes that joy which has a basis in religion, and whose real foundation is God...It is not the joy that comes from earthly things or cheap triumphs; still less is it the joy that comes from triumphing over someone else in rivalry or competition. It is a joy whose basis is God.

William Barclay

The safeguarding of our children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of every member of the congregation. Please report concerns to the Chaplain or Judith Widdop.